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My name is Robert Dhondrup, and I am the Director of Communications for the Southern California Association of Non Profit Housing or SCANPH. SCANPH is a membership organization which supports the production, preservation and management of homes affordable to low-income households. Our member corporations, public agencies and individuals serve the formerly homeless, disabled, seniors on fixed-incomes, as well as the working poor. We represent 450 organizations within both the public and private sector and our non-profit housing organizations have provided thousands of affordable housing units throughout Southern California.

As members of a broad alliance of housing and transit advocates who are calling for investments in Affordable TOD as well as energy-efficiency improvements for existing affordable housing and public transit, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure, we request your support to ensure housing and transportation investments are funded through Cap & Trade auction revenues. SCANPH would advocate that a percentage of Cap & Trade auction revenues be invested within integrated transportation and housing investments.

A new report by the California Housing Partnership Corporation concludes that there is strong evidence that preserving and building affordable homes near transit will allow California to achieve substantial GHG-reduction benefits. The report also highlights that investing only in transit would likely cause displacement of low income households and recommends that action be taken to ensure that people with low incomes, who are most likely to use transit and to benefit from its presence, are able to live near transit.

Building and preserving affordable homes near transit is an effective GHG-reduction strategy. And any strategies should include addressing equity as an important step forward in this process. The transportation sector is the biggest emitter of GHGs, contributing 38% of total emissions. Because transportation needs are driven in large part by where people want - and can afford - to live, housing affordability directly affects transportation emissions.

We support the work that Move LA, Transform, and our own federation, Housing California, whom SCANPH is a member of, and request your support for their proposals. Thank you!

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